

REMARKS

Claims 1-43, 58, and 59 are currently pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims in to three allegedly independent or distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14, directed to a method of hot filling a container;
- II. Claims 15-29, directed to a closure cap; and
- III. Claims 30-43, 58, and 59, directed to a hot-fill container.

In order to advance prosecution, Applicant elects **Group III – Claims 30-43, 58, and 59** for continued prosecution on the merits, without prejudice to reinstate claims 1-29 in the present application or a continuation or divisional application therefrom.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and continued examination of claims 30-43, 58, and 59 in the present Application. Applicant submits that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early notice of the same.

Please charge all fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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